**Second Member of Council.—**

It is proposed to use it in as many offices as possible.

**Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—**

Why should not home-spun cloth be supplied to the Police Department also?

**Second Member of Council.—**

That is also under consideration.

BY MESSRS. B. MUNISAMAPPA (Bangalore Rural), B. SRINIVASIENGAR (Anekal Rural), H. GUBBIAH (Anekal Urban).—

*Q.*—5. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether detail traffic survey has been made of the Bangalore-Hosur Railway line;

(2) if so what is the quantity of goods traffic that is to be really short-circuited ;

(3) whether there has been any agreement between the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company and the Mysore Railways ;

(4) if so what is the proportion of the total short-circuited traffic allotted to Bangalore-Hosur Railway ;

(5) whether the detail traffic survey was previous to the agreement or after the agreement ;

(6) what Government now think of starting this railway line.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

*A.*—5. (1) Yes.

(2) 1,586,000 maunds or 58,600 tons.

(3) Yes; between the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, South Indian Railway and the Mysore Government.

(4) Out of a total of 58,600 tons estimated to be short-circuited, the Bangalore-Hosur Railway has been allotted 6,680 tons. Traffic to the extent of 26,700 tons has the option at the instance of the consignor of being booked by this route.

(5) After the agreement.

(6) The question is at present under consideration of Government.

*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

**Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.**—

With reference to the answer to part (5) of the question, may I know the data on which the agreement was based?

**Third Member of Council.**—

We had figures relating to through traffic.

**Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.**—

Will the details of the data be placed before this Assembly, and as the share allotted to us under the agreement is very illiberal, is it not necessary to revise the agreement?

**Third Member of Council.**—

The agreement has been arrived at on terms which are usually agreed to in all such cases. It cannot be said that the share allotted to us is illiberal.

**Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.**—

Does the quantity of goods traffic that is to be short-circuited relate only to home-line traffic or does it include traffic emanating from other lines also, such as from Poona to Harihar?

**Secretary to Government for Railways.**—

It includes all the lines.

**Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.**—

Is it not possible for Government to get the agreement reconsidered?

**Third Member of Council.**—

I do not think it is possible.

**Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.**—

Was it not necessary to ascertain the exact profit accruing to the State, before giving assent to the agreement?

**Third Member of Council.**—

The exact proportions have been defined.

**Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.—**

Is the profit accruing to the State laid down on the percentage basis or by allotting particular portions of the lines?

**Dewan.—**

All these details can be ascertained to your satisfaction if you meet the Railway Secretary in his office.

BY MESSRS. M. P. SOMASEKHARA RAO, B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore Urban) CHINNAPPA, (Minority Interest), BALAPPA (Bangalore Rural).—

*Q.*—6. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) the number of officers with a salary of Rs. 200 per month and above in the State service just before the report of the Retrenchment Committee and the number of such officers at present in the State service ;

(2) the number and designation of officers carrying a salary of Rs. 200 per month and above abolished in pursuance of the Report of the Retrenchment Committee and the number and designation of similar officers newly created till now.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, TO GOVERNMENT.—

*A.*—6. (1) and (2) Attention is invited to the published Budget Estimates of the years concerned.

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*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

**Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—**

With reference to the answer given by Government that the information can be had on reference to the various published Budget Estimates, will the Government be pleased to say whether copies of the old Budgets were supplied to members who were not in the Assembly in previous years?

**Second Member of Council —**

Copies required for reference purposes by any member will be supplied, as far as possible.

**Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—**

Is not the answer furnished now unsatisfactory?

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